

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT the Crook County Court met in a Special Session on November 13, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the County meeting room located at 320 NE Court Street, Prineville Oregon. In attendance were: County Judge Seth Crawford (attending by telephone); County Commissioner Jerry Brummer as Chair; Commissioner Brian Barney; County Counsel Jeff Wilson; Assistant County Counsel Eric Blaine and County Court Secretary Colleen Ferguson.

Signing the attendance log were: Jennifer Orozco, Community Development; Hannah Seely, Community Development; Cheryl Seely, County Clerk; Debbie Shaw, Prineville; Tiffanie Bottoms, County Road Department; Jane Schepke, County Library; Buzzy Nielsen, County Library Director; Vicky Ryan, County Health Department; Rebekah Burkhardt, County Sheriff's Department and Laquita Stec, Prineville.

The public and media were provided notice of the Special Session.

Commissioner Brummer, acting as Chair of the Court, called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Wilson to begin the conversation today regarding the proposed hiring of Deb Shaw as the temporary employee to cover the Human Resources (HR) office. The HR is currently vacant of staff with Assistant County Counsel Eric Blaine as the contact for those requiring HR assistance and for any other HR matters that require immediate attention. County Treasurer Kathy Gray and her staff will be handling all employee benefit matters.

Discussion was held between the Court, County Counsels and Deb Shaw regarding interviewing times and place. Ms. Shaw said she would defer to Judge Crawford's decision as to whether to interview today at this meeting or at another time. Plans were made for Judge Crawford and Jeff Wilson to meet with Ms. Shaw later today at County Counsel's Office.

Rebekah Burkhardt, Sheriff's Office, explained that she and others were in attendance to hear any plans to move forward with HR office coverage. Tiffanie Bottoms, Road Department said she had specific questions regarding the handling of HR matters. Buzzy Neilsen, Library Director, spoke on the programs started by previous HR staff, stating that they were very helpful and that he hoped they would continue.

Judge Crawford provided information regarding Mr. Blaine's status as HR contact, the Treasurer's Office as contact for benefits and the proposed front office coverage for HR to help employees with the basics. The Court will be discussing and deciding on the next step to either hire or contract with an HR professional.

There being no further business scheduled before the Court for action at this time, Commissioner Brummer adjourned the Court out of Open Session and into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(e), To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

Executive Session

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Commissioner Brummer convened the Court into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(e), To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. The Court and County Counsels discussed the matter before them regarding County property. Following the discussion, Commissioner Brummer adjourned the Court out of Executive

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Session under ORS 192.660(2)(e), To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions and back into Open Session.

Open Session

Commissioner Brummer convened the Court into Open Session and invited members of the public in waiting back into the meeting room.

Motion

Commissioner Barney moved to approve the partial release of easement as was discussed in Executive Session. Commissioner Brummer seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0, motion carried.

At this time, Judge Crawford gave his permission to use his signature stamp on the document since he was not available for signing but was attending the meeting by phone.

There being no further business before the Court at this time, Commissioner Brummer adjourned the Special Session of the Crook County Court.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Ferguson

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